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The following is a summary of Soviet activity along the Iranian border for 30 August to 1 September 1951.

1. Dzhulfa

   31 August

   Soviet locomotive No. 6072 arrived in Iranian Dzhulfa pulling five carloads of sugar whose weight was 89,737 kilos. This locomotive then returned to Soviet Dzhulfa pulling ten carloads of tobacco whose weight was 9,165.5 kilos, and two empty cars.

   1 September

   Westbound rail traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Two passenger trains; one freight train composed of one tank car and 15 gondolas of which three were empty.

   Eastbound rail traffic, Nakhichevan and Dzhulfa to Ordubad: Two trains composed of 23 boxcars, five tank cars, and 27 gondolas carrying coal; two trains at night.

   Westbound road traffic, Ordubad to Dzhulfa and Nakhichevan: Ten trucks, one jeep, one auto, and five soldiers.

   Eastbound road traffic, Nakhichevan and Dzhulfa to Ordubad: Eleven trucks, three autos, six jeeps, three motorcycles, and 50 soldiers.

   Approximately 300 Soviet soldiers engaged in machine gun training at Dzhulfa.

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2. **Sia Rud**

31 August

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa:
Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars,
33 boxcars, one tank car, and 41 gondolas
of which 24 carried timber, 13 carried 13
autos, and four were empty; one train at
night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku:
Three trains composed of 14 passenger cars,
40 boxcars, five tank cars, and 37 gondolas
of which 26 carried white soil, two carried
cases, one carried scrap iron, one carried
a motor, and seven were empty; two trains
at night.

3. **Khuda Afarin**

1 September

Westbound rail traffic, Baku to Dzhulfa:
Three trains composed of 21 boxcars, 22
tank cars, four carloads of soldiers, and
32 gondolas of which four carried four
motors, 25 carried wood, and three were
empty.

Eastbound rail traffic, Dzhulfa to Baku:
Four trains composed of 39 boxcars, 66
empty gondolas, 24 tank cars, 14 passenger
cars, and two gondolas carrying one crane
and an iron pole.

4. **Astara**

1 September

Southbound road traffic, Lenkoran to Astara:
Nine carts carrying telegraph poles, wood,
and timber; 25 trucks carrying flour, lime,
bricks, closed cases, and iron barrels.

Northbound road traffic, Astara to Lenkoran:
Three jeeps carrying four civilians; 11 truck-
loads of stone and sand.

Westbound road traffic, Astara to Masjed
Mahalleh: Three truckloads of armed
soldiers; 15 trucks carrying cases, iron
barrels, telegraph poles, and timber.

Eastbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to
Astara: Seven truckloads of stone and sand;
four carts carrying sand and straw; two
autos carrying three officers.

Westbound road traffic, Masjed Mahalleh to
the last post west: Three trucks carrying
22 armed soldiers; five carts carrying
telegraph poles.

Eastbound road traffic, the last post west
to Masjed Mahalleh: Twenty armed soldiers
on foot.

There was rocket, flare, and searchlight
activity at night.

One gray Soviet warship equipped with an
antiaircraft machine gun anchored off Soviet
Astara.

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5. Lutfabad

30 August

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Eight trains composed of 91 boxcars, 14 gondolas carrying wood, four cars carrying rails, 18 passenger cars, and 154 tank cars; one train at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Five trains composed of 97 boxcars, one gondola carrying wood, 16 carloads of Ford cars, 27 passenger cars, and two tank cars.

31 August

Westbound rail traffic, Kaakha to Ashkhabad: Six trains composed of 19 boxcars, 56 gondolas carrying wood, 15 passenger cars, and 33 tank cars; four trains at night.

Eastbound rail traffic, Ashkhabad to Kaakha: Four trains composed of 45 boxcars, two gondolas carrying wood and foodstuffs, 48 passenger cars, and five tank cars.

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